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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 21st and 22nd reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on September 13 and 22. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOsha) which is believed to be covered by the MIOsh Act. The description reflects information provided to MIOsha at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOsha investigation.

Preliminary summary of incident #21: On September 13, 2017, at approximately 7:40 p.m., a 38-year-old landscape and demolition employee was struck in the neck by a gas powered cut-off saw.

Preliminary summary of incident #22: On September 22, 2017, at approximately 7:14 a.m., while loading a semi-trailer using a large T-shape piece of steel (called the "packer"), a 38-year-old equipment operator, who was assisting in the placement of the cardboard inside the semi-trailer, rode on the "packer" down from the trailer. Approximately three feet from the ground, the "packer" shifted in the grapple causing the equipment operator to fall. The "packer" shifted again and dislodged from the grapple. The "packer" landed in an unstable position and rolled over onto the equipment operator. The equipment operator was removed from under the steel "packer" and was transported to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

There were 43 MIOsha-related deaths in 2016. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOsha is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request [online](#).

MIOsha and Oakland University Sign Alliance

On September 21st, MIOsha and Oakland University formed a new alliance establishing

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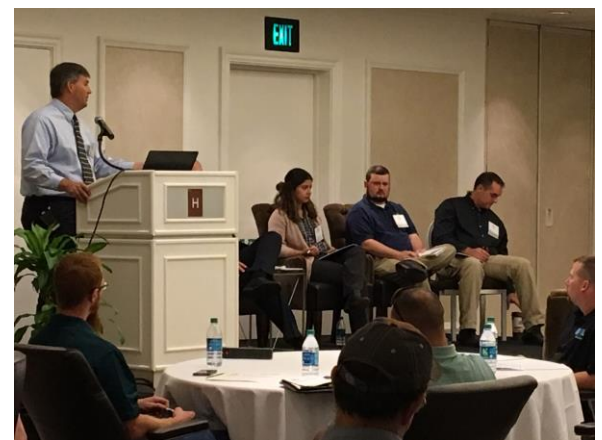


the MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) to Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Safety Degree Program. Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.



Coffee with MIOSHA

On September 15th, MIOSHA and the Aborigulture Society of Michigan (ASM) held a Coffee with MIOSHA event in Midland. 112 people were in attendance. They have already received positive feedback from their members and expressed a desire to do it again in the future.



Eaton Aerospace Receives MIOSHA's Highest Recognition Award for Workplace Safety and Health

On September 27th, Eaton Aerospace, LLC in Grand Rapids was awarded the Michigan Voluntary Protection Program ([MVPP](#)) Star Award from MIOSHA. Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.



MIOSHA Compliance “Starter Kit” for Doctor and Dentist Offices – New 4 Minute Video!

Oftentimes, small doctor and dentist offices call MIOSHA and ask us: “*What do we need to have*



in place to be in compliance with MIOSHA Health Standards?” In order to meet this need for the numerous doctor and dental offices across the state, we developed a MIOSHA compliance “starter kit.” Offices can download related materials directly from MIOSHA’s website or request a hard copy of this “starter kit.” Additionally, in order to further assist smaller medical offices that are not very familiar with locating these materials on the website, we developed a four-minute video. This video provides a basic overview of MIOSHA compliance requirements related to doctor and dentist offices, including a walk-through of related compliance assistance resources on MIOSHA’s website. Click [HERE](#) to view this video.

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

August 31, 2017 – [Headache Ball Compliance \(CSHD-STD-14-1\)](#)

September 21, 2017 - [Roadway Work Zones – Inspection and Citation Guarding for Construction and Maintenance \(MIOSHA-COM-13-2\)](#)

September 28, 2017 - [Lockout/Tagout, Minor Tool Changes and Adjustments, and Other Minor Servicing Activities \(GISHD-COM-07-3\)](#)

September 28, 2017 - [Decreasing Lapse Time/Inspection File Completion \(GISHD-COM-08-2\)](#)

MEDIA

September 20, 2017 – [Court Orders Bay City Landscaper to Stop Operations following MIOSHA Order](#)

September 21, 2017 – [MIOSHA and Oakland University Form Alliance to Foster Growth of Workplace Safety and Health Occupations](#)

September 27, 2017 – [Eaton Aerospace Receives MIOSHA’s Highest Recognition Award for Workplace Safety and Health](#)

All of the MIOSHA press releases can be viewed on our [website](#).

VARIANCES

Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances.

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